GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4457
ANSWERED ON:18.12.2002
HARRASMENT OF IMMIGRANT INDIANS
SRINIVASULU KALAVA

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether immigrant Indians in Italy are being harassed by the Indian Foreign Officeby not assisting them in filing police report on the loss of their passports; and

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken to bail out such persons?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) No.

(b) Our Embassy and Consulate in Italy have dispensed with the requirement of registering of police reports for lost passports and are issuing Authority Letters to the applicants on the same day. As soon as their passport particulars are confirmed from the Passport Issuing Offices, duplicate passports are also issued on the same day.